

The Impact of Personal Integrity PART 1

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“Search Jerusalem for honest people who try to be faithful. If you can find even one, I’ll forgive the whole city.” Jeremiah 5:1 (CEV)

“²⁹ Even common people oppress the poor, rob the needy, and deprive foreigners of justice. ³⁰ ‘I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn’t have to destroy the land, but I found no one.’”
Ezekiel 22:29-30 (NLT)

Understanding Personal Integrity

1. My integrity is defined by my lifestyle.

(Psalm 15:1-2)

“Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.” 1 Timothy 4:16

Integrity is when my actions and my words consistently match God’s truth. (Job 4:6; Prov. 10:9)

- When a person’s **actions** do not match the truth, we call that person a...
- When a person’s **words or teachings** do not match the truth, we call that person a...

2. My integrity will have an impact.

“under the ban”

Lessons from Achan's Negative Example

(Joshua 6:17-18)

1. We are never isolated in our personal failures.

“But the Israelites acted unfaithfully in regard to the devoted things....”
Joshua 7:1, 11 (NIV)

2. God sees our failures.

(Proverbs 10:9; Num. 32:23; Gal 6:7)

3. Personal failure typically is a process not an event.

“When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.” Joshua 7:21

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